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Some Famous Trees in Washington Streets

(Special Letter.)

AMERICA'S history might almost be told in the trees of Washington City; not in the long lines of rustling maples, nor the clusters of vivid oaks that clothe the capital in beauty for nine months out of the twelve; but in a few gnarled old trees whose fame has reached down through years and which stand as monuments to the men who have made the country.

First among these is Washington's elm, aptly termed "America's greatest monument," and planted by America's greatest man. With graceful branches that each year are as young with green as though their parent were not as old as the land, it stands bright against the historic houses about it, a worthy rival for that other



The Wishing Tree.
monument, the magnificent obelisk back of the White House. Beneath its ancient branches Washington seems to step out of the vague pages of history into breathing reality. It is the only tree of the many that he had planted that survives to-day; a touch of nature that makes the modern Washingtonian feel truly akin to the "Father of His Country."

The "Barbecue" trees are two remarkably beautiful circular groves just south of the Washington elm. They were planted during President Jackson's administration for the barbecue celebrations, one grove for the use of the Democrats, the other for the Whigs. Their quaint history does not affect the children who play under their shade nor the nurse maids who roll their little charges beneath them.

The tree planting fashion set by Washington has been so generally followed by his successors that the White House grounds are as green as a forest with historic oaks and elms. Cleveland represents an exception. He once said something very blunt about the nonsense of tree planting for "the name of the thing," though his wife when a bride added to the mansion grounds a blood leaf Japanese maple.

A graceful American elm in the south of the grounds is treasured by the gardeners because the hands of John Quincy Adams planted it there. It grows no less beautiful with the years and its story, like all stories of history, grows richer each season.

President Harrison took double chances of living forever in the hearts of his countrymen by planting two trees. His once famous grandchildren, Baby McKee and his smaller sister, also dug holes and put in elm saplings that are now tall and graceful young trees.

The "Bulletin" tree, a tall sylvan sentinel that guards the White House gate, has a tragic history. When Garfield was shot and the city was in a ferment of anxiety to receive reports of his condition more continuously than the press could furnish them, the doctors in attendance decided to issue hourly bulletins, which were tacked high on the body of this especial tree. There was always a crowd about it, and as the clerks of the various Government departments passed on their way to and from the offices the crowd became a living mass of humanity that blocked the pavement on both sides of the tree from the White House railings to the street. Those near the tree would read out the news bulletins while their listeners, men and women, black and white, stood silently by the common brotherhood of sympathy.

Across from the White House, in Lafayette square, is a dwarf chestnut known as the Wishing tree. Its



The Bulletin Tree.
old brown trunk is gnarled and squat, but its crooked branches give magnificent shade. Tradition goes that a wish whispered by any one while hugging the big tree never fails to come true.

The park guard tells a story of a colored woman who used to drag her tired way through the grounds every night after a hard day's work at her place of service in the First ward. One evening she heard about the wonderful virtues of the old chestnut, and putting her weary arms around its trunk begged for a bicycle. She had hardly got out of the grounds when she picked up a fine bicycle lamp, and she plodded along her homeward way, firmly convinced that if she had only wished a little harder she would have found her bicycle.

In the Botanical gardens there grows a young oak whose gracefully outstretched branches are a quiver with shiny green leaves. An American traveler, who was paying his respects at the tomb of the great philosopher who lived five hundred years before Christ and who wrote the six sacred books of the Chinese, picked an acorn from the grave and brought it as a souvenir to Charles A. Dana. Mr. Dana in turn gave it to Representative Amos J. Cummings, who was a personal friend of Superintendent Smith of the Botanical gardens. Together they planted the acorn, and now the sturdy little Chinese tree may serve also to keep green the memory of Mr. Cummings, whose death his colleagues in Congress lamented a few weeks ago.

Among the interesting trees in the National gardens are the two "Peace Oaks." They were planted in 1867 from acorns brought from Kentucky by John J. Crittenden and Robert Mallory of that state, both of whom strove so particularly in the interest of peace at the beginning of the civil war. From the acorns of these historic trees Superintendent Smith raised 300 young shoots, which were recently planted on the battle of Chickamauga, Georgia.

Perhaps the most apparently wonderful tree in the city is the great redwood in the Agricultural grounds—which, after all, is not a tree, but a house. The monster trunk was hewed into sections and shipped to Washington, where it was set up in the shape of a house. There is a door of ordinary size that opens hospitably into quite a livable room. From the center of this stairway winds to a story above. The upper room has a peaked roof and large windows that look out in all directions on the grounds. The bark is over a foot thick, and in one place is charred from the effects of some camp fire built by Indians, or perhaps some pioneer in the early days of emigration.

Standing in the rear grounds of the capitol is a tree which contradicts the theory that lightning never strikes twice in the same place. Superintendent Wood declares that he has seen the dome of the capitol struck several times, and on each occasion a tiny fork has darted off at a tangent and struck the tree. However, this arboreal Ajax vigorously defies electric bolts. Though its bark is stripped off and its sturdy old trunk burnt and seared by the lightning's play, it stands like a grave sentinel guarding the House end of the capitol.



Washington's Elm.
famous old Octagon house a lilac tree was cut down not long ago whose history is one of romance. It was called the Aaron Burr lilac, and its death was due to old age. The lilac was made famous during the temporary residence of President Madison in the Octagon house at the time directly after the British fired the White House.

The story goes that Burr was enamored of the beautiful Mistress Dolley, who promptly forbade him the house. One morning in early spring the infatuated Aaron climbed over the wall and hid in the lilac bush until he saw the President's wife, as was her custom, come into the garden to read. No sooner was she seated than he threw himself at her feet. Mrs. Madison sent him off through the front door—and from that time on she never would have lilacs on the breakfast table, though they had always been her favorite blooms.

"Fathers" of the Republic.
George Washington was but 43 when he took command of the Continental army in 1775. Alexander Hamilton was only 32 when he became the first United States secretary of state in 1789; he had signed the constitution at 30 and had been a captain in the Continental army at 19. James Madison was but 36 when he became the "father" of our constitution at the convention of 1787. Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence shortly after his 33d birthday. When he attended the ratifying convention in 1788 James Monroe was but 30 years of age; at 32 he was United States senator; at 36 United States envoy to France, and at 41 governor of Virginia.

Characteristic of Kruger.
An anecdote of President Kruger is told in a letter received in New York from one of the British officers who was captured with Gen. Methuen by Gen. Delarey.

A pious Boer, arguing against war after the struggle with the English had become inevitable, said that nations as well as individuals when smitten on one cheek ought to turn the other.

"Exactly," exclaimed Oom Paul, "but Scripture does not say what we should do next, and manhood speaks up and says: 'Thrash the fellow.'"

HEALTH AND ALL ITS BLESSINGS

Health will come with all its blessings to those who know the way, and it is mainly a question of right-living, with all the term implies, but the efforts which strengthen the system, the games which refresh and the foods which nourish are important, each in a way, while it is also advantageous to have knowledge of the best methods of promoting freedom from unsanitary conditions. To assist nature, when nature needs assistance, it is all important that the medicinal agents used should be of the best quality and of known value, and the one remedy which acts most beneficially and pleasantly, as a laxative, is—Syrup of Figs—manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co.

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